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Enclosed are:

- X A specification consisting of 39 pages
- X 10 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- X An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
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- X Executed Declaration X Original Photocopy
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